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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:
**DISK ARRAY APPARATUS AND DISK ARRAY APPARATUS
CONTROLLING METHOD**

Enclosed are:

- 18 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- Request for Priority to claim the priority dates of January 16, 2004 and March 23, 2004.
- An Unexecuted Declaration.
- An Information Disclosure Statement
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